GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SUBJECT IMPORT FROM CHINA QUESTION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to protect the domestic industry from cheap imports from China, the Government have imposed product specific safeguard duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 have been suitably amended to check entry of cheap Chinese goods; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N.RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise in the view of (a) above.

(c) & (d) No Sir. However, the Finance Bill, 2002 proposes toamend the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, so as to insert new section 8C which provides that if the Central Government, after conducting such enquiry as it deems fit, is satisfied that any article is imported into India, from the People`s republic of China, in such increased quantities and under such conditions so as to cause or threatening to cause market disruption to domestic industry, it may impose safeguard duty on that article.